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COOPERATION TOPIC IS DIVIDED BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD  
COMMITTEES-I.E., ECOSOC AND EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND  
CULTURE, AND THE TWO ARE HAVING PROBLEMS RECONCILING  
THEIR VIEWS.

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6. CORRECTION TO STATE 310979. IN PARAGRAPH 50, WE  
ERRONEOUSLY LISTED PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS STELLA  
RATHER THAN ARIAS STELLA.

7. FURTHER REPORTS WILL FOLLOW. MUSKIE

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SUBJECT: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THIRD REPORT

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. GA DEVELOPMENTS, NOVEMBER 23-25. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY,  
GA TO DATE HAS GIVEN INORDINATE TIME TO PROCEDURAL  
MATTERS BUT IS NOW BEGINNING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH  
MAJOR PROBLEMS. SLOW-DOWNS AND WORK STOPPAGES BY THE  
STAFF, AT THEIR MOST SEVERE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,  
LESSENED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY, SINCE STAFF FORESEES  
A POSSIBILITY OF A PARTIAL VICTORY IN FORM OF SALARY  
INCREASE AND RECOGNITION OF SOME OF THEIR BREAD AND  
BUTTER ISSUES AND DOES NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THEM  
BY FURTHER EXASPERATING THE DELEGATIONS.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS. FIRST (POLITICAL-JURIDICAL  
COMMITTEE) HAS NOW DISPOSED OF MOST OF ITS ROUTINE  
AGENDA ITEMS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER SUBJECTS,  
AND IS NOW INVOLVED IN MARATHON WORKING SESSIONS  
ON IAHRC REPORTS, BOTH ANNUAL AND COUNTRY SPECIFIC  
PAPERS. ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR AN ARMYNE  
RESOLUTION THAT DOES NOT MENTION SPECIFIC COUNTRIES  
OR LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS. US HAS  
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER AN OMNIBUS RESOLU-  
TION, BUT ARGENTINA HAS NOT THUS FAR BEEN WILLING  
TO COMPROMISE. MEXICO AND OTHERS ARE BEING HELPFUL  
IN FIRST COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP IN TRYING TO GET  
AGREEMENT ON A RESOLUTION THAT PRESERVES THE AUTHORITY  
OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ISSUES. QUOTA  
ISSUE HAS BEEN ECLIPSED BY SALARY QUESTIONS DESCRIBED  
IN STATE 310979. TIME BIND SEEMS TO PRECLUDE MORE  
THAN "BAND AID" TREATMENT FOR QUOTA ISSUE RESOLUTION  
AT THIS ASSEMBLY, WITH CONTINUATION OF STUDY OF QUESTION  
LIKELY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
IN 1981. ON SALARY AND PARITY QUESTION, REALIZATION  
OF THE COSTS OF VENEZUELA'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL HAS DAMMED  
AND A LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATE SOLUTION MAY BE AGREED  
UPON. PROBLEM FOR US IS THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS  
OF ANY BUDGETARY INCREASE WOULD FALL ON US, IT WOULD  
MEAN ONLY SMALL INCREASES FOR MANY LOW QUOTA COUNTRIES  
WHO ARE TOTALLY ESPOUSING THE EMPLOYEES POSITION.

5. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. CONSIDERATION OF THIS  
ISSUE IS MOVING AT A SNAIL'S PACE IN SECOND COMMITTEE,  
BOGGED DOWN ALONG WITH ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS IN PRO-  
CEDURAL ARGUMENTS FROM WHICH IT CANNOT EXTRICATE  
ITSELF. PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR

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